

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-22 as follows.

1.. (Currently Amended) A method, ~~for providing information associated with a location of a target user in a location service arrangement comprising a plurality of location service entities, the method comprising: the steps of:~~

 sending a request for information associated with a location of a target user from a first location service entity to a second location service entity;

 informing the second location service entity of a role performed by the second location service entity when processing the request; and

 processing the request at the second location service entity.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

~~the step of including information regarding the role of the second location service entity in the request.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the informing step comprises selecting the role of the second location service entity from at least one of a home location service entity, a visited location service entity and a combination of a home and visited location service entities.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
~~the step of~~ receiving at the first location service entity a request for location information and

subsequently— sending the request from the first service entity to the second location service entity.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sending step comprises sending the request from the first location service entity which initiates roaming location services.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
~~the step of~~ sending information from the second location service entity to a third location service entity regarding the role performed by the third location service entity when processing a request from the second location service entity.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

informing the second location service entity to perform the role of a home location server when processing the request from the first location service entity;

performing a privacy policy check at the second location service entity; and preventing the processing step from processing the request for location

information in response to a failed privacy policy check.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sending step—comprises sending the request from the first location service entity comprising a receiving location server to the second location service entity comprising the home location server of the target user.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sending information step—comprises sending information to the third location service entity comprising a visited location server.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a location service entity ~~for~~of a location information service arrangement comprising a plurality of location service entities configured to process requests for location information, the location information entity being configured to request for information associated with a location of a target user from a further location service entity, and to inform the further location service entity of a role the further location service entity performs when processing the request.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to add information into the

request regarding the role the further location service entity performs.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to select the role of the further location service entity from at least one of a home location service entity, a visited location service entity and a combination of a home and visited location service entities.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein a location service entity is configured to initiate roaming location services.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a receiving location server.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

a home location server.

16. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

~~A-a~~ location service arrangement for providing information associated with the

users of a communication system, comprising a plurality of location service entities configured to process requests for location information, wherein a first location information entity is configured to request for information associated with a location of a target user from a second location service entity, and to inform the second location service entity of a role in which the first location service expects a second location service to process a request, and the second location information entity is configured to proceed with the processing of the request if the second location information entity can provide an expected role.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service~~The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the first location service entity is configured to initiate roaming location services.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service~~The system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first location service entity comprises a receiving location server.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service~~The system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second location service entity comprises a home location server of the target user, the home location server being configured to inform a third location service entity regarding the role the third location service entity performs when processing a request for location information from the home location server.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service~~The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the first location service entity comprises a home location server.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~An apparatus, comprising: sending means for sending a request for information associated with a location of a target user from a first location service entity to a second location service entity; and informing means for informing the second location service entity of a role performed by the second location service entity when processing the request at the second location service entity; and ~~processing means for processing the request at the second location service entity.~~

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A location service entity~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

including means for including information regarding the role of the second location service entity in the request.